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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S VISIT

1. FOR EMBASSY BONN INFORMATION, FRG EMBASSY HERE

INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 26 THAT BONN HAD REQUESTED ISSUANCE ON APRIL 2 OF A JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON SCHEEL VISIT. WHITE HOUSE HAS APPROVED JOINT RELEASE, AND IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT RELEASE WILL BE EFFECTED AT THREE P.M. LOCAL TIME IN BONN WHICH IS TEN A.M. LOCAL WASHINGTON.

2. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF FRG TEXT FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT. ON THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA, MR. GERALD FORD, AND MRS. FORD, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, MR. WALTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEEL, AND MRS. SCHEEL WILL PAY A STATEVISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM JUNE 2 TO JUNE 7, 1975. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING IS US VERSION OF TEXT, TO BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON. BEGIN TEXT. AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT FORD, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, MR. WALTER SCHEEL, WILL PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED

STATES FROM JUNE 2 TO JUNE 7, 1975. THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. SCHEEL. END TEXT.

- 4. FRG EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT BONN'S DESIRE FOR EARLY PRESS RELEASE IS DESIGNED TO FORESTALL A PREMATURE LEAK OF THE VISIT.
- 5. DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO FRG EMBASSY OF OUR APPROVAL OF TEXTS AND TIMING OF JOINT RELEASE. KISSINGER

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